



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held February 15, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Assemblymember Mike Gordon (D-El Segundo) recently introduced Assembly Bill 208 (AB 208) entitled the ‘Educational Preference for the Children of Military Personnel Act.’ According to data provided to the U.S. Department of Defense by the Military Family Resources Center, there are approximately 165,000 active duty personnel and 62,000 selective reservists (Armed Forces Reserve and National Guard) stationed at California’s 62 military bases. Over one third of California’s active duty and selected reserve military personnel are parents to approximately 131,000 school-aged children.

“With the upcoming base realignment and closure process facing the 62 military bases located in California, this legislation could improve access for school aged children of military personnel to the school district of their choice. Under current law, the transfer of a student from one school district to another, commonly known as interdistrict transfer, is regulated by the California Education Code. School districts are divided into two categories, residents and choice. The process requires both districts to concur on a transfer of a student.

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“AB 208, which is sponsored by the California Space Authority, would require school districts to give preference to the children of military personnel in the process of an interdistrict transfer. This legislation will strengthen the competitiveness of California’s military installations by eliminating a barrier to quality education for the children of military personnel. In the instance of Los Angeles County, the impact would be small due to limited military personnel being stationed here and with 81 school districts in the County.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of Assembly Bill 208 (Gordon), legislation which would require California's school districts to give preference to children of military personnel in the process of an interdistrict transfer; and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence urging support and early enactment of the legislation to Governor Schwarzenegger, the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, and the State Assembly Education Committee.

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Each Supervisor  
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Letter sent to:

Assemblymember Mike Gordon